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24 October 1952

Mr. Richard D. Marriott  
Head, BBC Monitoring Service  
Cherwell Park  
Reading, England

Dear Mr. Marriott:

Enclosed are three copies of a draft agenda for the December meeting of the Joint Coordination Committee. This draft is being forwarded before you have had an opportunity to comment on the informal letter in which I suggested certain items for the agenda, and for this I apologize.

I am trying an innovation this year in attempting to reach an agreed agenda and publish it prior to your departure from England. In the past the Secretariat has prepared the agreed agenda after the arrival of the visiting representative. This procedure has had certain disadvantages to the visitor.

Please feel absolutely free to add to, comment on, or modify this draft in any way. If I can have it back with your concurrence, comments, or additions by 15 November 1952, I feel relatively sure that I can have the final document in your hands prior to your departure from England.

The explanation of each subject is suggestive rather than detailed, since I believe that a free discussion at the Meeting is thus encouraged.

We are certainly most anxious to explain some of our hopes for the future and present problems to you.

Sincerely,

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DRAFT AGENDA FOR SIXTH MEETING OF THE FBISS-MIC MONITORING SERVICE

COORDINATION COMMITTEE

I. Frankfurt, Vienna, BBC Monitoring Service Coordination.

FBISS proposes to explore the possibilities of closer cooperation between Government, Frankfurt and Vienna in the exploitation of Eastern European transmitters. Envisaged is an interchange of communications and backstepping on monitoring.

II. Baltic Coverage.

FBISS will discuss the degree of United States interest in monitoring coverage of northwestern USSR regional transmitters. The alternative methods of accomplishing this objective as reported in the BBC survey will serve as the basis for discussion. FBISS proposes to lay a formal request on BBC to provide such coverage.

III. Asiatic Coverage.

FBISS proposes, in reporting that Helmand monitoring will provide satisfactory year-round coverage of the Primorskiy and Khabarovsk Krais and of the Kazak Republic, and reasonably variable material from as far west as Novosibirsk, to emphasize the continuing need to fill the Central Asian gap by any means at hand. Results of the Pakistan survey will be reported to the extent available at that time. Of non-Soviet Asia, areas still inadequately covered are North and West China and Southeast Asia excluding Vietnam. FBISS will attempt to improve coverage of North China when it can assure permanency for its Helmand Bureau. It is proposed that the Committee discuss the possibility of BBC's making arrangements with Indian and Singapore monitoring services for supplementary coverage of Southeast Asia and Central Siberia, at least in event of emergency.

IV. Standardization Committee.

FBISS will propose the reactivation of the Joint Standardization Committee established in 1969 for the purpose of ironing out problems of operational coordination such as the form and timing of reports on scheduled coverage and effected coverage. It is also desired to inquire into BBC views on a joint "field manual" which would detail the format and style of copy and define procedures.

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V. BBC-FBIS Mediterranean Bureau Coverage Allocation.

FBIS considers the basic BBC-FBIS Mediterranean Bureau coverage allocation as expressed in Paragraph 8 of the minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Coordination Committee to be obscured by the qualification therein that the Mediterranean Bureau disseminate filing material from bulletins contained in services for which it is responsible, when such bulletins become audible to the BBC. It is therefore proposed that the basic coverage allocation principle be revised to provide responsibility on the basis of languages and broadcast services without division of responsibility within services. It is proposed that the basic principle be altered to read:

"It is agreed that the FBIS Mediterranean Bureau shall be responsible for monitoring those services mainly audible to it throughout the year and inaudible to the BBC for a major part of the year. FBIS Mediterranean Bureau will also be responsible for monitoring transmissions in languages available to it but not to the BBC. Mutual coverage adjustments between the two stations to meet such staffing and other emergencies as may arise will continue to be made as heretofore."

It is considered that an exception might be made to this principle in the case of Yugoslav coverage and possibly some other segments if it is found feasible to transfer a limited number of monitors seasonally between Caversham and Kyrenia, transferring their workload with them. It is proposed that the Committee discuss this possibility on the basis that any such monitors transferred should remain in the pay of the employing Service but be placed under full operational control of the station to which they are detailed.

VI. FBIS Propaganda Analysis.

FBIS wishes to present an expansion of its views on propaganda analysis. In brief, propaganda analysis serves both psychological warfare and political intelligence requirements. It is believed that broadcast material lends itself to exploitation for these requirements better than other forms of propaganda by virtue of its prompt availability, its clear distinction between foreign and domestic targets, and its susceptibility to systematic quantitative measurements of emphasis and intensity. Such measurements are considered a necessary check on impressionistic judgments and may serve to reveal some types of data which escape impressionistic observation.

Types of information which in the FBIS view require quantitative procedures include:

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a. In the psychological field

(1) estimates of the buildup for propaganda offensives which will require countermeasures,

(2) estimates of vulnerabilities, as indicated by topics avoided, minimized, or overemphasized.

b. In the political field

(1) revelations of disaccord or disaffection,

(2) indications of propaganda preparation for imminent hostilities,

(3) indications of tactical planning as evidenced by the directing of broadcast material on particular subjects to selected audiences.

FBI is grateful for the support of the BBC in meeting the monitoring requirements for its propaganda analysis activity and requests that it be continued at its current level. No considerable additional requirements on the BBC are contemplated.

VII. Communications.

FBI proposes to express satisfaction for its part with existing telecommunications arrangements and to review any areas of inadequacy which BBC may be experiencing.

VIII. Emergency Action.

FBI proposes supplementary use of the facilities of either service as an immediate measure to restore essential coverage in the event of loss of facilities in time of war. It is not considered desirable to set down in detail at this time the arrangements for accomplishing this objective. FBI suggests, however, that it be agreed that in the event of destruction of stations or monitoring facilities of either the BBC or the FBI the monitoring resources of each will be made available to the other and that such measures as revision of coverage commitments and temporary transfer of personnel between stations be effected in order to minimize loss of the more important coverage at the time.

IX. Liaison arrangements.

The BBC will wish to discuss liaison arrangements on a world wide basis as it pertains to the posting of staff officers and the orientation of FBI civilian requirements.

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